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One of the most interesting persons in the Secret Service of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry was Mr. Sandor (Alexander) Hollosi, at present in Berne, ^{ZURICH}

Mr. Hollosi, according to very reliable sources, is Jewish, born in Czechoslovakia, Slovakia County of Spis, as a son of a butcher named Hollander. When I heard his name he was already a Catholic journalist, correspondent of "Maasbode" the greatest Dutch Catholic daily paper. His first wife was a Christian Dutch woman. Hollosi's name became notorious when in 1929 or 1930 the chief Rabbi of Szeged, representative of the Hungarian Israelites in the Upper House, Emanuel Loew, was attacked by the anti-semitic press for high treason.

The innocence of Loew became evident within a couple of months and Hollosi became the center of press and public interest, accused of furnishing false information on Loew. Hollosi, at that time, was already in Germany and sending reports to several papers in Hungary under the name of Csaba, Gyorgy. Long articles disclosed the identity of Simon Hollander, Sandor Hollosi, and Gyorgy Csaba as the same person.

At the same time his Jewish origin was disclosed and especially brought to the attention of the "Volkischer Beobachter" on which Hollosi was serving as a member of the editorial staff at that time. However, these attacks did no harm to his position in Germany and he continued to send reports to the Hungarian press. He sent no denials to the papers attacking him and took no steps when his name was stricken from the list of the Association of Hungarian Journalists.

Several years ago I learned the true story of Hollosi and met him three or four times in Berne where he has lived since 1935 since his clash with Rosenberg and the Nazi Party. From that time until April 1943 when I saw him the last time he was receiving regular support from the Hungarian Government. He claimed he had always been a Hungarian agent and stated that his contact with the Nazi Party had been ordered from Budapest. He knew Hitler from the very beginning and suggested that the Hungarian Government make terms with him because the forces behind him (Hitler) sooner or later would be victorious. He helped the Nazi Party in the putsch of Kahr in 1923 and played an important role in the events of November 8, 1923. According to Hollosi, when he understood that Hitler had world-ruling plans and would not give up his anti-semitic and anti-religious attitudes, he left Germany. When I talked with him he claimed he had never been Nazi, but rather had been a Hungarian spy in the Nazi Party. He also stated he had important documents on Hitler, Rosenberg and the Party and had established in Switzerland contacts with the Allied intelligence.

He has been considered a "model" agent by pro-Nazi members of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry and one whom they would most like to imitate. He was one of the persons who placed articles in the Swiss press about Hungary's unwillingness to fight, etc. and received orders regularly from Budapest, especially from Ulllein-Reviczky, at that time Chief of the Press, later Hungarian Envoy to Stockholm.

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Holloid always claimed to be a functionary of the Foreign Ministry but this status has not been recognized.

I do not know whether or not the name and existence of Holloidi is known by OSS. Neither do I know whether his statements are true or false. Certainly he is a clever person of unusual talents and at the present is "displaced" and needs support. I believe that he could be used in some manner, especially for Japanese intelligence.

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